

# POOR ROBINS PROPHEESIES.

## And DIVERTISEMENTS.

Since the *Sybils*, and *Nostredamus*,  
Mother *Shipton*, *Grebnerus*, and *Lilly*,  
By *Predictions*, have made themselves *Famous*;  
Tho' never so *Dark* and so *Silly*.  
Let *Poor Robbin* put in for a *Prophet*,  
With an innocent *Prognostication*,  
If there happen no *Good* to come of it,  
It shall yet do no *Hurt* to the *Nation*.  
But from *Stargazing Wits* of *State*,  
With their *Factious Prognostiques*; defend us;  
What they seem to foretell, they *Create*.  
And they *Cause* all the *Ills* they *Portend* us.  
'Tis but tuning the *Phan'sy* of the *Rabble*,  
And they'll swear 'tis the *Stars*; when 'tis they *do's*.  
Not so much as this *Pitiful Bauble*,  
But I'll hang, if they don't put a *Key* to it.

**U**pon turning up the Foundation of *Musgrave-Hall*, there was found a *Porridge-Pot* with an *Alms-Box* in it. The *Pot* was made of *Red Earth*, as *Man* was, and upon it, in *Saxon Characters*, as much as to say, **OUR ORIGINAL**. In the *Box* were two *Prophecies*, written also in the same *Tongue*, which are here faithfully *Translated*, as follows.

### The First Prophecy.

When the *Toad* shall run away with a *Legg* of the *Lion*, and advance it self against the *Eagle*, then shall the *Men* of the *White Island* suffer great *Tribulation*, by reason of the *Excessive Price* of *HORN-BOOKS*, and the *Want* of their *BACON*; and take grievous *Surfeits* of *ROTTEN WARDENS*. Then shall the *Fox* whistle, and the *Geese* Dance, to the *Tune* of *When Jocky first the War began*; and there shall be notable *Glee* among the *Children* of the *Lake*.

After this, there shall appear a *Face* of *Brass*,

under a *New thatch'd House*, and a *Voice* shall be heard crying *WO WO WO*, unto those that *BAWL*; which shall be terrible to the *Translator* of the *DOBUNI*, and the *POOR WHORES*, with their *PETITIONS*, shall fall down before it. Then shall *Men* be distracted in their *Reckoning*, and refuse to give *Account* of their *Stewardships*; and being far gone in *Alc* and *Concupiscence*, they shall have a *Hankering* after the *Flesh*, and run their *Heads* against *Cross-Beames* in the middle of their *Cariere* after the *Strange Woman*; their *Eyes* being sunk into their *Breeches*, and the *Understandings* fallen into the *Lower parts*.

### The Second Prophecy.

When the *Moon-Calf* shall chop *Logique* with the *Three Lyons*, and the *Fatherless-Child* enter into a *League* with the *French Cutter*, the *Trusty* shall take possession of the *House-Top*, and the *Clothes* of the *Dead* shall call in the *Man* of *Lectures*.

and the Canon shall play upon him, from the  
Maid of Po.

In those days there shall come forth a Mighty Prophet out of the River of the South, whose Daddy shall not be known, for he shall spring like a Cheddar-Cheese out of the Milk of the whole Parish. He shall confound the Oracles of the Pagan Almanacks, and give thanks upon his Knees to St. Stephen, before the great Tribunal, for his success.

When this is come to pass, the Spirit of Delusion shall preach a New Gospel, in the Name of the fall'n Angel; maintaining that Rebellion, Rapine, and Bearing false witness are the special Privileges of a Babe of Grace. His sound shall go out into Arabia; He shall hold forth in the Synagogues of smoke, and the Martyr shall give Testimony unto his Doctrine. He shall be skill'd in all the Learning of the Egyptians; and of so wonderful a Memory, that he shall never forget any thing, but his Sins, his Friends, and the Matters of his Parish. He shall shew his Parts before Principalities and Powers, and make great Presents of State-Spectacles, for the Discovery of Non-Entities, and seeing things invisible: by which means, his Virtues shall be made manifest.

And then shall come forth in a fair Fools-Capp, and bound up in Calves-Leather, the Living History of the Philosophy of Gotham with certain Learned Exercitations upon the Devils Arts of Peake, which shall make the Squire of the Wandlet, and the Lady of the sorrowful countenance, great in their Generations. But behold there is a sad Catastrophe at hand; for the Proud shall be Humbled, St. George appeareth, and the Puissant shall eat Grays.

## Divertisements.

1. IF there be any Man, Woman, or Child, in Town, or Country, that can furnish a considerable quantity of good substantial Statutable

Badens, let them repair with it to the sign of the King's whisperer, and they shall be well paid for their pains; the Master and Mistress of the house, being upon a Collection of Curiosities of that kind, which they intend to publish with Arctines Catts, and their own Notes upon them, for the Edification of both Sexes.

2. There is now ready for the Press, an Excellent Piece, call'd, *The Memoirs of Grim the Collier of Croydon*, and Dame Gillian his Spouse, with Instructions how a man may thrive in the world, without either Brains, or Honesty; being of singular use, for Buffoons, Pimps, and Parish-Children.

3. Lost betwixt Tarts Coffee house, and Parliament Stairs, out of a Calves-Leather-Case, a very fair, Large Conscience, ready harden'd, and fit for use; together with Bills of Accomps, and two Apologies, one for Judas, and another for the seven deadly sins, clearly proving that the Devil is not so black as they paint him; with a Receipt to urn Hob-nails into Quinseys. Whosoever has found them, and will deliver them to the true Owner, in the Christ-Cross-Row, shall have a good reward.

4. The Dr. that makes the rare Varnish for keeping people in countenance in the cases of Swearing, Lying & Stealing without the common helps of Pillory or Carting, so that they shall out-face a Court of Justice, and never change colour for't, does now stand fair for Professor to the Societies of Newgate and the Gatehouse, & is to be spoke with, from 8 to 12. in the Morning, at the Gracelless Babes, & from 2 to 7 in the Afternoon, at the sign of the Cloake-Carrier. At other times he may be heard of at the Virginia in Black-Fryers.

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